

**GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON CHILDREN'S JUSTICE
CITIZEN REVIEW PANEL
MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, February 26, 2007, 1 to 5 PM
Hall of Justice, Lansing, MI
Conference Room 1S-69**

Members Present: Gloria Gillespie, Ted Melinat, JoAnn Monaghan, Pat Sorenson, Pat Wagner, Tracey Yokich, DHS: Colleen Duhm. *Members Not Present:* Judy Labovitz, Christine McPherson, Alice Thompson, DHS: Mary Mehren

1. Permanency for Foster Children

- Judge Tracey Yokich's Proposal
- SCAO's project on this issue

There was discussion of SCAO's recommendations on this issue. It appears that SCAO's recommendations, except for #4, really gets at the same issue as our project. As next steps, we will send out a survey on Circuit and/or Probate Court Judges in Michigan that handle the child neglect docket. Tracey will work on the questions for the next meeting. We will also send out a letter to Justice Corrigan to find out the status of their recommendations, if their workgroup is still meeting, if there has been legislative action on their recommendations, etc.

2. Update on Joint Meeting of CRPs

- Wednesday, February 7, 2007

We went over the meeting minutes from the joint CRP meeting. The National CRP Conference is in May. It was decided that at least one, but up to two, members of our CRP should attend this meeting. Pat Wagner expressed an interest in going. We will check with the Executive Committee to see if they will pay for travel to attendance at this meeting.

There was must talk about adding the citizen component to the Citizen Review Panels at the joint meeting. This CRP would like to pursue this further. Pat Wagner is willing to head a group to work on this further. Colleen has emailed the chairs of the other committees to see if they are interested in pursuing this also. We will wait to hear back from the other two groups.

3. CRP Annual Report

- Review of 2006 Minutes and 2005 Report
The CRP met 1/13, 2/9, 3/9, 4/17, 5/25, 7/14, & 10/26
- Development of Recommendations for DHS

There was discussion of the three projects the CRP worked on in 2006 and recommendations that came out of those projects. Colleen will write up a draft report and send it to the entire group for their review.

4. Old Business

None

5. New Business

Tracey brought up the idea that came up during the strategic planning session on education for mandated reporters and down the road for the general public. There was discussion about the CPR pursuing this project. As a first step, we would like to send letters to the professional associations for which mandated reporters belong to see what education they do regarding mandated reporting. Pat Sorenson will see if you can find out information in the Association of Associations, where we may be able to get a mailing list for the professional associations.

6. Next meeting

Friday, March 9, 2007, 11 am to 12 Noon, State Bar of Michigan, Board Room

Minutes Prepared by C. Duhm

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